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1. ACCORDING TO REPORT RECEIVED FROM AMEMBASSY BELGRADE, YUGOSLAV CUSTOMS INSPECTORS AT THE GRADINA BORDER CROSSING WITH KALOTINA, BULGARIA, HAVE SEIZED MORE THAN 300 KILOGRAMS OF HASHISH IN 17 SEPARATE SMUGGLING INTERDICTIONS THIS YEAR. IN LATEST CASE, ON FEBRUARY 22, NINETY-ONE KILOS WERE SEIZED FROM TRAP IN MERCEDES BUSS WITH TURKISH REGISTRATION, OWNED BY BROTHERS ZEKI AND ERDAL YAPRAK (V), FROM ISTANBUL. BUS WAS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TYPE BEING USED TO TRANSPORT TURKISH GUEST WORKERS AND WAS EN ROUTE FRG.

2. MOST OF SEIZURES THIS YEAR FOLLOW PATTERN OF 1976; CONCEALED IN HIDDEN COMPARTMENTS (TRAPS) OF VARIOUS VEHICLES. MARJORITY OF SUBJECTS ARRESTED ARE TURKISH AND ARE DRIVING VENICLES WITH TURKISH REGISTRATION.

3. REQUEST SOFIA NARCOTICS COORDINATOR ADVISE BULGARIAN

CUSTOMS OF CONTINUITY OF 1976 HASHISH SMUGGLING M.O. ON PRINCIPAL OVERLAND ROUTE FROM TURKEY TO WESTERN EUROPE. AS NOTED IN YUGOSLAVIA. DECONTROL UPON RECEIPT.BUCHANAN

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